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District Attorney Jim Garrison last week subpenaed two men named Oswald, one of whom works for Standard Coffee Co., where accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was once employed. The coffee company employe was Julius Oswald, who declined comment to the press. The other, William S. Oswald, said he believed his entrance into the inquiry may have resulted from a case of mistaken identity. He told newsmen that Lee Harvey Oswald used his name and address as a reference with Standard Coffee when he applied for a job there in early 1963. He said he believed Oswald meant to use the name of the witness' uncle, another William Oswald. The uncle said later by telephone that Lee Harvey Oswald visited him in the summer of 1963, but refused to answer further questions.

On Wednesday attorneys for Clay L. Shaw lost their bid to have Saturday Evening Post writer James Phelan brought here for immediate public testimony. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. rejected the motion after ruling that it had no basis in law. Shaw's lawyers said Phelan, who wrote a recent article critical of the Garrison inquiry, was "essential to the defense."

Meanwhile, a major obstacle to the extradition of probe figure Gordon Novel from Columbus, Ohio was erected by Ohio Gov. James Rhodes. Gov. Rhodes requested in a letter to Gov. McKeithen written assurance that Novel's extradition would not include plans for questioning in the Kennedy assassination investigation of DA Jim Garrison. Garrison termed the condition "one of the most incredible things I've ever seen."